continuation of reissue application Serial No. 09/708,562, filed November 9, 2000.

It is noted that the claims of this continuation of the prior reissue application include claims 1-31 of the original patent no. 5,834,922 without amendment, new dependent claims 32 and 33 which depend directly or indirectly from claim 31, and new independent claim 34, which corresponds to claim 47 of reissue application Serial No. 09/708,562, in modified form, and new dependent claim 35 dependent therefrom.

Favorable action in this application is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.39180RC2) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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